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INTRODUCTION

This "BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY" presents the Black Lutheran clergy on the roster of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod at the time of its publication. This list is taken from the LUTHERAN ANNUAL during the centennial year 1977.

This dictionary is herewith made available for a twofold reason: 1) as a centennial volume saluting our Black pastors in the ministry and 2) to offer our congregations and circuits opportunities to select speakers for the Black Lutheran Rallies.

A review of the biographical sketches contained in the DICT IONARY will indicate that the pastors introduced are really of all ages, from the comparatively young to the aged. Some of the patriarchs, who have served their Lord faithfully over these four score and five or ten may find it extremely difficult to accept invitations to the Black Lutheran Rallies. However, for the sake of completeness, all were included.

A questionnaire was sent to all of the clergy on the roster, and the pages here following represent the aggregate of those who responded. Each one was also requested to submit photographs of himself, and those who did will note that their pictures appear in the DICTIONARY. We regret that some who were requested to participate, for various reasons, found it impossible to return their biographical questionnaire and a photograph.

This is the first time in the history of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod that a separate BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY of this type has ever been prepared. It should serve the historical interests of the Synod and thus is considered a significant contribution of the Centennial Committee in commemoration of the beginning of the Synod's work among the American Blacks in 1877.

It will not be considered inappropriate, hopefully, to indicate that the primary purpose of the BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY is to aid all who are seeking to implement the resolutions to conduct Black Lutheran Rallies and mission festivals, on various levels and in various geographical areas, by introducing the Black Lutheran pastors of the Synod. The general program suggested for

these rallies consists of a circuit meeting on Friday evening at which a Black pastor should be given the opportunity to address the circuit. On Saturday many activities such as community visitation, evangelism calls, group discussions of all ages, involving the LWML and the LLL, could be held. In addition, any number of "This Is The Life" television episodes are also available from the LLL office. Perhaps discussions could be held following a book review of the Centennial volume, *ROSES AND THORNS*.

On Sunday the Black guest pastor, it is suggested, will preach at one of the regular worship services of one of the churches. In the afternoon, however, hopefully mass rallies will be conducted involving all of the congregations of the circuit where the guest pastor will be speaking a second time. Wherever a reception can follow the afternoon rally, great benefits will accrue.

May the gracious Lord of the church bless this little document and the message which it carries, and particularly also further the work conducted by our beloved Synod among our Black sisters and brothers as we peer into the second century of such work.

Some Historical Notes

It was in July of 1877 that the Lutheran Synodical Conference assembled at Fort Wayne, Ind., was challenged by its president to begin a program of Gospel outreach to the Blacks and Indians in America. (The Synodical Conference was a federation of four Lutheran synods including the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod). He suggested specially that the conference consider the mass of negroes located at that time principally in the southern section of the country. The Synodical Conference approved the resolution, and its missionary board moved immediately toward implementation.

The first Missionary, J. F. Doescher, was commissioned in October 1877. He moved from St. Louis to Memphis to Little Rock, Ark., where he established a Lutheran Congregation called St. Paul's Colored Lutheran Church of Little Rock. The first services were conducted in December 1877. The Sunday School had only two children.

On January 7, 1878, Doescher left Little Rock and traveled through Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and

Tennessee, preaching in many cities and on many large plantations. On July 4, 1878, having completed his survey for the Missionary Board of the Synodical Conference he returned to Altenburg, Mo. The breakthrough had been made, and in the 1800's work was moved into Virginia and North and South Carolina. The work was intensified during the 1890's, and it was at this time that the Black Alpha Synod joined the Synodical Conference.

In 1915, upon the recommendation of Booker T. Washington, Miss Rosa J. Young applied to the Missionary Board of the Synodical Conference for financial assistance with her school in Rosebud, Alabama. The Board accepted the challenge. The work in the Alabama field was centered mainly in the rural areas, although congregations were started in cities like Mobile, Birmingham, and Selma.

The work in the Alabama field flourished immediately. Its parochial schools were hailed as the best in the state. The Alabama field was perhaps the most productive field opened by the Missionary Board in terms of total souls gained, of total professional churchworkers recruited, and the total souls reclaimed after the migrations to the North and West.

Rural Alabama missions reached the zenith of their effectiveness during the decade of the 1930s, but the industrial revolution together with changes in agricultural technology resulted in the death of the densely populated rural areas of America. The migrations during and after World War II decimated the ranks of the rural congregations.

The first migration to the North followed World War I as Black Lutherans moved into the northern communities, particularly the industrial centers. Separate Black congregations were established in Los Angeles, St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, Washington, Philadelphia and New York. Such congregations became thriving centers during the 1930s and 1940s.

However, after World War II, when Blacks were again arriving in Northern cities, this time in huge numbers, the earlier work of the church was no longer adequate. The church was faced with the serious problem of racism, and only gradually through the power of the Gospel, has it been able to move forward. By God's grace, "WE HAVE COME THIS FAR", but with God to bless:

Like a mighty army moves the Church of God, brothers and sisters, let us go forward in the Lord. We have His promise, and that cannot fail.

BLACK LUTHERAN CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE. Front row (left to right): Dr. Joseph Lavalais, Dr. DeWitt Robinson, Dr. Peter Hunt. Second row (standing, left to right: Dr. August Suelflow, Dr. Richard Dickinson, Rev. Kermit Ratcliffe.



Black Lutheran Centennial Committee.

Fred Allen

Allen, Fred; Son of Clarence Allen and Josepha Ortiga Allen; b. Feb.12, 1941, Philadelphia, Penn.; educ., Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Ind., B.A. 1964, Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, Mo. M.Div. 1968, currently enrolled at Lutheran School of Theology; ordained 1968 at St. Philip's Philadelphia, Pa.; children, Amy, 1972; special hobbies, photography, sketching, skiing, skating, and reading; special interests, ambulance driver, first aid, sign language, interpreter for deaf; full-time positions, pastor, Redemption Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Florida, 1968-73, pastor, Ephphatha Deaf, Mo. Syn., Chicago, Ill., 1973-.



Simon Bodley, Jr.

Bodley, Simon Jr.; Son of Simon Bodley, Sr. and Bella Ethridge Bodley; b. June 5, 1932, Camden, Ala.; educ., Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N. C., B.A. 1972, Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, Greensboro, N.C., and Governors State University, M.A. 1977; ordained 1957 at Antioch Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Ashville, Ala; married to Jemima Sessoms Oct. 20, 1956, Ahoskie, N.C.; children, Chenita, Simon, Kelvin, Jacquelyn, and Gloria; special hobbies, fishing, baseball, basketball, boating, horseback riding, reading, and gardening; special interests, counseling adults and teaching Bible class; full-time positions, missionary, Antioch Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Ashville, Ala., 1957-60, pastor, Victory Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Youngstown, Ohio, 1960-67, pastor, St. Philip's Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Chicago, Ill., 1967-77; part-time offices, Lutheran Home and Family services, 1964-66, Youngstown Human Relation Committee, 1965-67, Lutheran Child and Family Service, 1973-76, Board of Mission and Ministry, 1973-77.



James P. Brown

Brown, James P.; Son of Roosevelt Brown and Lillie Perkins Brown; b. Jan. 31, 1945, Camden, Ala.; educ., Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Neb., B.S. 1967, Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ill., M. Div. 1973; ordained 1973 at Selma, Alabama; married to Edrina Webb, May 26, 1973, Springfield, Ill.; special hobbies, reading, fishing, hunting, drag-racing, softball; special interests, preaching and teaching; full-time positions, teacher, Faith Lutheran, Mobile, Ala., 1967, pastor, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Pittsburgh, Pa., 1973-.



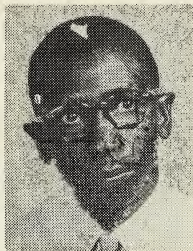
Johnny Brown

Brown, Johnny; Son of Ruben Brown and Bulah Steele Brown; b. Aug. 23, 1928, Selma, Alabama; educ., ordained 1955 at Camden, Ala.; married to Janet O. Coleman, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Camden, Ala.; children, Mattie, 1957, Johnny, Jr., 1958, Deborah, 1960; special hobbies, hunting, photography and reading; full-time positions, pastor, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Camden, Ala., 1955-.

Carl I. Cameron

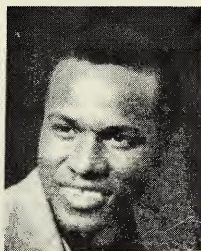
Cameron, I. Carl, Son of Lovell Cameron and Evia Harris Cameron; b. Nov., 24, 1918, Eutaw, Ala.; educ., Martin Luther Institute, Tuscaloosa, Ala., Stillman Institute, Tuscaloosa, Ala., "A" certificate, State Teachers University, Montgomery, Ala., B.S. 1948, Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, Mo., C.Q. 1964; ordained 1948 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Montgomery, Ala.; married to Marie Harris, April 29, 1946, Birmingham, Ala.; children, Lucinda, Marrietta, Paul; special hobbies, reading, traveling, volley ball, horse-back riding, collecting old books; special interests, spreading the "Good News"; full-time positions, pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, Jackson, Miss., 1948-60, teacher, Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, New Orleans, La., 1960-64, pastor, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Meridian, Miss., 1964-69, pastor, Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, New Orleans, La.,

1969-75, pastor, English Lutheran Church, Redeemer, Saint Albans, New York, 1975-77, pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Vrendenburgh, Ala., 1977; part-time positions, circuit counselor, New York, English District, 1976-, student recruitment, 1974-75, assistant pastor, 1960-63, Social Security office 1965-69, Underprivileged Community project, 1964-69, hospital chaplain, 1976-77, T.V. program, 1967-69.



Phillip A Campbell

Campbell, Phillip A.; Son of Matthan E. Campbell and Rena B. Ellis Campbell; b. Aug. 5, 1943, Memphis, Tennessee; educ., Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Indiana, B.A. 1968, Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, Missouri, M.Div. 1971, Howard University, Washington, D.C., D.Min. 1976; ordained 1971 at Berea Lutheran Church, Baltimore, Maryland; married Rosalee Eubanks May 29, 1968, Saint Louis, Mo.; children, Phillip, Yari, Matthew; special hobbies; fishing, reading, writing and public speaking; special interests, Black ethics and Black family, platonic and existential philosophy; full-time positions, vicar, All Nation Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Saint Louis, Mo., 1970-71, pastor, Berea Lutheran Church Mo. Syn., Baltimore, Maryland, 1971-, board of directors, East Baltimore Community Corporation, Baltimore, Maryland, 1973, member, N.C.B.C., 1972; part-time offices, chairman, Berea Planning Council, 1973, assoc. prof., Logic and Philosophy, Coppin State College, 1973-76, Southeastern District Lutheran Black Coalition, 1972-, campus contact pastor, 1974-; literary work, "The Then, Now, When Story", 1973, Augsburg Press; degress and awards, "Outstanding Young Men of America", 1971, "Personalities of the South", 1973, award of appreciation, for services at Maryland State Penitentiary, 1975, volunteer certificate, Baltimore City, 1977.



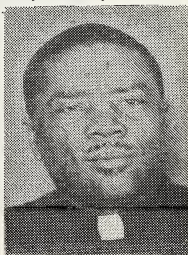
Lester R. Charles

Charles, Lester R.; Son of Edgar Frances Charles and Jeanne Gayout Charles; b. Dec. 4, 1909, New Orleans, Louisiana; educ., Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N.C.; ordained 1933 at Saint Philip's Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill.; married to Claudia Thomas, July 5, 1942, Chicago, Ill.; children; Lester, Jr., 1944, Nina, 1947; special hobbies, reading and gardening; special interest, urban ministries; full-time positions, assistant pastor, St. Philip's Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Chicago, Ill, 1933-43, assistant pastor, St. Philip's Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., St. Louis, Mo., 1943-46, pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Evansville, Indiana, 1946-55, pastor, Holy Sacraments Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., St. Louis, Mo., 1955-69, pastor, Christ Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Los Angeles, California, 1969-



Moses J. Clark

Clark, Moses J., Son of Madison Clark, Sr. and Lala Funish Clark; educ., Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N.C., Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, Greensboro, N.C.; ordained 1955, Midway, Ala.; married to Lucile Dale, 1956, Montrose, Alabama; children, Miriam, 1958, Moses, Jr., 1959, Lydia, 1961, Cynthia, 1961, David, 1967, Rachel, 1975; special hobbies, gardening and cabinet making; full-time positions, pastor, St. Mathew Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Arlington, Ala., 1955-57, pastor, Saint Luke Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Lamison, Ala., 1955-57, pastor, Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Midway, Ala., 1955-57, pastor, Saint Paul, Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Oak Hill, Ala., 1957-63, pastor, Christ Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Rosebud, Ala., 1957-63, pastor, Gethsemane, Mo. Syn., Hamburg, Ala., 1957-63, pastor, St. Luke Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Acherville, Ala., 1957-63, pastor, Augustana Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Alexandria, La., 1963-69, pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Mansura, La., 1963-69, pastor Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Atmore, Ala., 1969-



Robert H. Collins

Collins, Robert H.; Son of John H. Collins; b. July 10, 1934, Chicago, Ill.; educ., Wilson Jr. College, Chicago, Ill., A.A. 1954, Roosevelt University, Chicago, Ill., B.S. 1957, Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ill., 1963, B.D. 1965, Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, Mo., M.S.T. 1975; ordained 1963 at Atonement Lutheran Church, Georgia; children, Robert, 1962, Pamela, 1965; full-time positions, pastor Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Columbus, Georgia, 1963, Social Concerns Commission, Florida-Georgia District, LC-MS, Georgia State Advancement Committee on Education, 1970-74, building trustee, Columbus Medical Center, 1969-73; degrees and awards, Certification of Merit, for work with Job Corps, City of Columbus, 1971, Certification of merit, Medical Center, Columbus, Georgia, 1972, award for work with Senior Citizens of Columbus, Georgia, award from Garard Rehabilitation Clinic for counseling.

Warren A. Davis

Davis, Warren A.; Son of Walter Davis, Jr. and Mary Deramus Davis; b. Sept. 19, 1947, Prattville, Ala., educ., Concordia College, Saint Paul, Minn., B.A. 1969, Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ill., M.Div. 1973; ordained 1973 at Selma, Ala.; married to La Jewel Ellen Stanback, May 29, 1971, Springfield, Ill.; children, Valencia, 1977; special hobbies, reading, traveling, volleyball, tennis; special interests; social ministry, community involvement, counseling, early childhood educ.; full-time position, pastor, King of Kings Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Shreveport, La., 1973-; part-time offices, Mission Committee, Southern District, LC-MS, 1974-, chairman, Social Ministry Commission, Southern District, LC-MS, 1976-, District Conference of Black Lutheran Church, 1975-, president of Southern District. LC-MS, Pastor's Conference, 1975.



David Tillman DeRamus

DeRamus, David Tillman; Son of Dayton DeRamus, Sr. and Katie Keith DeRamus; b. June 30, 1933, Joffree, Alabama; educ., Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N.C., Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., B.T. 1965, ordained 1965 at St. Phillip's, Chicago, Ill.; married to Cassandra Burrell, July 7, 1973, San Clemente, California; children, Mtumishi Shangiliwa, 1974, Majaliwa Osu, 1976; special hobbies, singing, drama, public speaking, traveling, foreign languages; special interests, counseling, preaching, writing; full-time positions, missions developer, Southeastern District, LC-MS, Norfolk, Va., 1965-67, pastor, Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Winston/Salem, N.C., 1967-68, campus pastor, Winston/Salem State College, N.C., 1967-68, campus chaplain, Howard University, Washington, D.C., 1969-71, chaplain, United States Navy, Camp Pendleton, Calif., 1971-74, chaplain, United States Navy, USS Gridley, 1974-76, chaplain, United States Navy, NTC, Great Lakes, Ill., 1976-; part-time offices, Board of Directors, Black Churchmen Training, 1969-71, D.C. Federation of Civic Association, 1969-70, Board of Directors, Assoc. of Black Lutheran Churchmen, 1969-71, Board of Directors, Black Education Task Force, 1972-73, Board of Directors, National Council of Black Churchmen, 1970-; literary work, "Clouds of Fear Which Hover Over the Head of Freedom," 1970, "The Black Campus Minister and the Black Struggle," 1970, "Black Lutheran Congregations Served by Black Pastors," 1971, "The Do's of Deploying Chaplains," 1975; degrees and awards, letters in choir, Immanuel College, Greensboro, N.C., letters in drama, Immanuel College, Greensboro, N.C., medal and fellow, International Institute of Community Service.



Richard Dickinson

Dickinson, Richard; Son of Armstead Dickinson and Alice Fisher Dickinson; b. March 20, 1925, Kimbrough, Ala.; educ., Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N.C., B.D. 1952, Barber Scotia, Concord, N.C., B.S. 1958, Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., M.A. 1968, The Lutheran Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., D.Rel. 1970, Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, Mo. D.D. 1977; ordained 1952 at Saint James Lutheran Church, Buena Vista, Ala.; married to Blanche Watson, Sept. 7, 1952, Buena Vista, Ala.; children, Richard, Jr., 1953, Bernard, 1955, Deborah, 1957, Dwight, 1958; special hobbies, carpentry, gardening, music; special interests, urban ministry, history of Black Lutheranism in LC-MS; full-time positions, pastor, St. James Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Buena Vista, Ala., 1952-56, pastor, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Kannapolis, N.C., 1956-60, pastor Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Gary, Indiana, 1960-66, pastor, Chatham Fields Church, Chicago, Ill. Mo. Syn., 1966-71, Executive for Urban Ministry, Northern Illinois District, LC-MS, Chicago, Ill., 1971-76, pastor, Resurrection Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Chicago, Ill., 1976-; part-time offices,

Board of Control I.L.C., 1956- 60, Mission board, English district, 1967-71, the Board of Social Ministry, Northern Illinois District, LC-MS, 1968-71, Board for Higher Education Task Force, LC-MS, 1973-75, Executive for Centennial Committee and Task Force, 1975-; literary work, "The White Demonination in the Black Community," 1969, "One Hundred years in a Nutshell," 1975, "A Third Alternative," 1974, Roses and Thorns, 1977; awards, Distinguished Minister award, Theatre Guild, Chicago, Ill., 1976.



Albert Dominick

Dominick, Albert; Son of Albert Dominick and Felicie Lucien Dominick; b. Oct. 15, 1907, New Orleans, La.; educ., Lutheran College, New Orleans, La., Immanuel Lutheran, Greensboro, N.C., 1930; ordained 1930 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, New Orleans, La.; married to Sallie Robinson, Dec. 26, 1934, Boligee, Ala.; children, Anna, 1936; special hobbies, fishing; special interests, congregational and day school responsibilities; full-time positions, pastor/teacher, Saint John's Lutheran And Bethlehem, Autaca County, Ala., 1930-34, pastor, Trinity Lutheran, Selma, Ala., 1934, teacher, Selma Academy, supply pastor, Peace Lutheran Church, Maplesville, Ala., 1945-47, pastor, Mt. Calvary, Mobile, Ala., 1947, pastor, Concordia, Montrose, Ala., pastor, Bethel Lutheran Church, Point Clear, Ala., 1951-; part-time offices, Alabama-Upper Florida Conference, acting sec., 1932, assistant sec., 1935, sec., 1936-62, Alabama-Upper Florida Teachers Conference, Chairman, 1935-62, Ala. Lutheran Academy and College, Board of Control, sec., 1948-, Alabama Regional Mission Committee sec., 1956-62, co-counselor, Alabama Florida Lutheran Ladies Missionary Organization, 1954-68, co-counselor, Gulf Coast LAHE, 1953-67, General Conference, acting sec., 1946, 1949, acting chairman, 1954, Missions Committee, Southern District, LC-MS, 1962-63, 1966-70, Recruitment and Scholarship Committee, 1963-66, Gulf States Pastors Conference, vice pres., 1966-72, pres., two years, circuit education representative, three years, associate editor of Missionary Lutheran, 1953-62; degrees, honorary D.D., Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, Mo., 1974.



Percy C. Dumas

Dumas, Percy C.; Son of Doss Dumas and Ida Kimbrough Dumas; b. Sept. 16, 1902, Arlington, Ala.; educ. Alabama State College, Ala., B.S. 1950, Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, Mo., MAR 1970, Wilberforce Payne Theological Seminary, Ohio, Capitol Theological Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, Colloquy, 1946; ordained 1946, Chicago, Ill.; married to Mamie Taylor 1922, Kimbrough, Alabama; children, Martin, 1923-72, Paul, 1925, Mayme, 1926, Alyce, 1929-32; Mamie and Alyce fatally injured in car accident, 1932; married to Thelma Edghill, 1935, Gary, Indiana; special hobby, bowling; special interests, evangelism and youth ministry; full-time positions, teacher, Synodical Conference, Pine Hill, Ala., Mo. Syn., 1922-24, teacher, Midway School, Midway, Ala., Mo. Syn., 1924-26, teacher, Ingomar School, Ingomar, Ala., Mo. Syn., 1926, lay missionary, Booth, Ala., Ohio Syn., 1928-29, lay missionary, Jackson, Miss., Ohio Syn., 1933, pastor Saint James, A.L.C., Elgin, Ill., 1938-41, assistant chaplain, Army, U.S., ETO, 1941-45, chaplain, Maxwell Air Force Base, 1948-50, pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Montgomery, Ala., 1946-51, pastor, Rescue Mission, Chicago, 1952-54, pastor, Zoar Lutheran Church, Wisc. Syn., Detroit, Mich., 1954, Missionary-at-Large, Michigan District, LC-MS, 1956, pastor, St. Matthias Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Ferndale, Michigan, 1956-72, pastor, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Inkster, Michigan, 1958-62, retired, 1972; part-time offices, guest missionary-evangelist, Trinity Selma, 1961; delegate, 1965, Synodical Convention, Detroit, Mich.; literary and editorial work, My Military Career, 1946 U.S. and E.T.O. ; Awards and degrees, Testimonial Resolution from Common Council of city of Detroit, 1972, Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Service Award, LC-MS, Michigan District, 1972.



James Eddleman

Eddleman, James; Son of Louis Eddleman and Mamie Pharr Eddleman; b. July 3, 1930; educ. Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N.C., Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, Greensboro, N.C., B.D. 1955; ordained 1955 at Saint Mark's, Port Arthur, Texas; children, James, 1957, Estella, 1958-67, Lydia 1962, Dornetta 1968, Misty Dawn 1974; special hobbies, fishing, crafts, carpentry, and gardening; special interests, evangelism, stewardship, political awareness, teaching; full-time positions, pastor, Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Port Arthur, Texas, 1955-;degrees and awards, T.E.T. certificate 1976, District Award in scouting and government.

Howard A. Foard

Foard, Howard A.; Son of Frederick H. Foard and Dallas Lillian Holmes Foard; b. Dec. 20, 1918, Gold Hill, N.C.; educ., Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N.C., North Carolina A&T University B.S. in ed., 1950, Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, Greensboro, N.C., Theol. Diploma, 1949, Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., M.A. Ed., 1971; ordained 1949 at High Point, N.C.; married to Adele Carter, 1941, Elkton, Maryland; children, Howard, Jr., 1942, Frederick and Fredia, 1945, Anthony, 1953; special hobbies, cooking and gardening; special interests, teaching, counseling youth, dramatics; full-time positions, teacher/religion, High Point Public School, N.C., 1951-53, pastor, Saint Luke Lutheran, Mo. Syn., High Point, N.C., 1948-55, pastor, St. Peter South, Mo. Syn., Chicago, Ill., 1955-, teacher/counselor Du Sable High, Chicago, Ill., 1965-72, counselor/teacher, Lutheran High School, Mo. Syn., Chicago, Ill., 1972-76; part-time offices, Board of Control, Immanuel, Greensboro, N.C., 1951-59 Lutheran Council U.S.A., 1974-, Commission D.S.M.P., Board of Social Ministry and World Relief, 1972-, Armed Forces Commission, 1972-; degrees and awards, student council, DuSable High, Chicago 1972, Teachers Certificate, Board of Education, Chicago, Ill., 1969.



Charles L. Graeber

Graeber, Charles L.; Son of Gus Graeber and Cora Lee Knight Graeber; b. Feb. 17, 1914, Kannapolis, N.C.; educ., Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N.C. 1941, Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, Greensboro, N.C. 1945; ordained 1945 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church; married Elizabeth Gildersleeve, Sept. 16, 1945; children, Charles, 1947; special hobbies, mechanics; full-time position, pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Montgomery, Ala., 1976-; part-time offices, Town and Country committee, 1961, Board of Control, Ala. Lutheran Academy, 1971, Stewardship committee, 1966-70, circuit counselor, 1970-74, Board of Directors, 1974-78.

William L. Herzfeld

Herzfeld, William L.; Son of Julius Herzfeld, Sr. and Clarice Heiningsburg Herzfeld; b. June 9, 1937, Mobile, Alabama; educ., Alabama Lutheran Academy, Selma, Ala., Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N.C., A.A. 1957, Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, Greensboro, N.C., 1961, University of Alabama, Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, Mo.; married to Thressa M. Alston, June 11, 1961, Kannapolis, N.C.; children, Carolyn, Dec. 30, 1961 - Dec 31, 1961, Martin, 1962, Katherine, 1964, Stephen, 1966; special hobbies, hunting, fishing, numismatics; special interests, urban ministry, human justice; full-time positions,

pastor, Christ Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Tuscaloosa, Ala., 1961-65, urban minister, California and Nevada district, Hawaii district, 1966-69, Executive, Division of Mission Services, Lutheran Council in U.S.A., 1969-73, pastor, Bethlehem Lutheran, A.E.L.C., LC-MS, Oakland, Calif., 1973; part time offices, president, Tuscaloosa Chapter of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, president, Alabama State SCLC, member, Southern District, LC-MS, Stewardship Committee, member, Parish Educ., chairman, Family Life Committee, 1961-66, past vice-president, Lutheran Human - Relations Association of America, Board of Directors, Wheatridge Foundation, 1968-72, Walther League Trustee, 1968-72, Board for Missions, LC-MS, 1969-73, Council for Christian Medical Work, 1973-75; literary work, Institutional Racism, Augsburg Pub., 1969, articles in Vanguard, Christian Century and Missouri In Perspective, Black Theology and White Theology, The Lutheran Quarterly, 1975; degrees and awards, Citizen of the Year, Tuscaloosa Businessmen's Association, 1966, Youth Service Award, Tuscaloosa YMCA, 1963, Distinguished Service Award, Conference on Religion and Race, 1969, Doctor of Divinity - Center for Urban Black Studies, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, Calif., 1975.



Peter Roosevelt Hunt

Hunt, Peter Roosevelt; Son of John Edward Hunt and Cammie Hill Hunt; b. 1903, Camden Alabama; educ., Alabama Lutheran Academy and College, Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N.C., Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, Greensboro, N.C., 1931; ordained 1931 at Bashi, Ala.; married to Emma E. Dukes, Sept. 7, 1932, Hyhart, Ala.; special hobbies, hunting and fishing; special interests, recruiting students for full-time church work; full-time positions, pastor, circuit rider, Thomasville, Ala., 1931, Dean of Students, Alabama Lutheran College, Selma, Ala., 1947, acting president, Alabama Lutheran College, Selma, Ala., 1969-71, president, Alabama Synod Conference, 1946-1963; part-time office, circuit counselor, 1964-1970; degree from Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill.



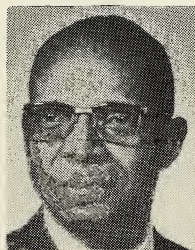
Bradley P. Jenkins

Jenkins, Bradley P.; Son of Silas Jenkins and Bessie Andrews Jenkins; b. July 17, 1916, Wilcox County, Ala.; educ., Snow Hill Institute, Snow Hill, Ala., Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N.C., Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, Greensboro, N.C., 1954; ordained, 1954, Mobile, Ala.; married to Leila Scott, Feb. 9, 1941, Snow Hill, Ala.; special hobbies, reading and traveling; special interests, youth work; full-time positions, pastor, Faith Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Mobile, Ala., 1954-62, pastor, St. Philip's, Mo. Syn., Chattanooga, Tenn., 1962-67, pastor, St. Philip, Mo. Syn., Detroit, Mich., 1967-69, pastor, Prince of Peace, Mo. Syn., Birmingham, Ala., 1969-74, pastor, Victory Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Youngstown, Ohio, 1974-; part-time office, circuit counselor, 1968-69.



R. F. Jenkins

Jenkins, R. F.; Son of Isaac Jenkins and Lou Stinson Jenkins; b. Aug. 31, 1912, Allenton, Alabama; educ., Alabama Lutheran Academy, Selma, Alabama, Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N.C., Hunter College, N.Y.C., Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, Greensboro, N.C.; ordained 1933 at Camden, Alabama; married to Beatrice Mildred Sims Aug. 25, 1935, New York, New York; children, Isaac, Vivian, James; special hobbies, gardening, repairing furniture, painting, fishing and bowling; special interests; community betterment of public schools, civil rights, human rights, increasing job opportunities; full-time positions, pastor, Holy Cross, Camden, Ala., 1933-45, instructor, Alabama Lutheran Academy, Selma, Ala., pastor, and instructor, Trinity and Saint Timothy, Selma, Alabama, 1948-52, pastor, Saint Andrews, Charlotte, N.C., 1952-54, pastor, Hope Lutheran, Omaha, Nebraska, 1954; part-time office, Board of Control, Immanuel Lutheran College and Seminary, 1952-54; degrees and awards, recognition by Nebraska district, LC-MS for 40 years of service, 1974, award from Omaha, Nebraska school district for six years of service on Board of Education, 1976.



Jeff Griffith Johnson

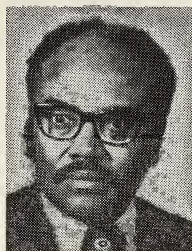
Johnson, Jeff Griffith; Son of Jeff Griffith Johnson, Sr. and Lorenza Pauline Walter Johnson; b. Feb. 27, 1924, Los Angeles, Calif.; educ., California Concordia College, Oakland, Calif., 1944, Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, 1948, University of Southern California, Ph.D. 1961; ordained 1948 at Detroit, Mich.. full-time positions, pastor, St. Titus Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Detroit, Mich., 1948-50, pastor, St. John Lutheran, East St. Louis, Ill., 1950-59, pastor, Our Savior Lutheran, Indianapolis, Indiana, 1959-62, prof., Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana. 1962-.



Robert H. King

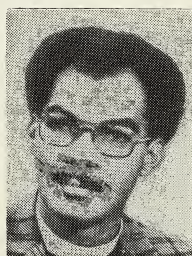
King, Robert H.; Son of Henry C. King and Della S. Bettis King; b. April 1, 1922, Sunny South, Alabama; educ., Alabama Lutheran Academy, Selma, Ala., Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N.C., 1947, Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, Greensboro, N.C., B.D. 1949, University of Pittsburgh, Penn., M.Ed. 1956, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, M.A. 1968, Ph.D. 1969; ordained 1949 at Peace Lutheran, Youngstown, Ohio; married to Jean McCord, June 1, 1949, Asheville, N.C.; children, Jocelyn, 1954, Jann, 1960, Roger, 1962; special hobbies, reading, gardening, fishing; special interests, preaching, speaking, adult education and counseling, educational activities in the area of gerontology; full-time positions, pastor, Victory Lutheran, Youngstown, Ohio, 1949-57, pastor, St. Philip's Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Chicago, Ill. 1957-68, assistant prof., Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., 1968-70, professor, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo., 1970-; part-time offices, pastoral advisor, Northern Ill. district, LC-MS, Walther league, 1961-63, Continuing Education, zone representative, 1964-65, member of Board of Directors, Lutheran Child Welfare, Ill., 1970; literary and editorial work, "What is Adult Education?", "Teaching-Learning Process in Adult Education," and "Implication for Adult Education in the Church,"

Lutheran Education, 1970, "When You're Teaching Adults," Interaction, 1971, five annual reports on Adult Basic Education, Lincoln University, 1972, 73, 74, 75, 76; degrees and awards, Lilly Fellowship in Adult Education, Indiana University, 1965, Certificate for High Scholastic Achievement, Indiana University, 1968, Certificate of Recognition for Service, Board of Education, Jefferson City, Mo., 1976.



Victor Carl Langford III

Langford, Victor Carl, III; Son of Victor Carl Langford, Jr. and Charlotte Manning Langford; b. Aug. 6, 1939, Detroit, Mich.; educ. Seattle Pacific College, B.A. 1971, Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ill., B.D. 1971, M.Div. 1975; ordained 1965 at St. Philip's Lutheran, Detroit, Mich.; married to Luana Calvert, July 2, 1960, Detroit, Mich.; children, Tanya, 1961, Natalie, 1962, Kineta, 1970, Victor, 1974; special hobbies, traveling, photography, swimming; special interests, African and Afro-American history and culture, nutrition and health; full-time positions, pastor, Bethel Lutheran, Mo.Syn., New Orleans, La., 1962-65, pastor, Holy Cross Lutheran Mo. Syn., Houston, Texas, 1965-68, pastor, Good Shepherd, Mo. Syn., Seattle, Washington, 1968-76, pastor, St. Mark's, Mo.Syn., Seattle, Washington, 1976-; part-time offices, chaplain, 1972-, Social Ministry Committee, Northwest district, LC-MS, 1974-76, Inter Lutheran Commission on Social Service, 1974-76, Black United Clergy for Action, 1969-; literary work, "Some Sociological Perspectives of the Black Church in America," 1971; degrees and awards, Who's Who in Black America, 1976.



Gulfrey Newton Laurent

Laurent, Gulfrey Newton; Son of Martin Toussaint Laurent and Mary Lorena Lehman Laurent; b. Dec. 23, 1914, Mansura, La.; educ., Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N.C., 1937, Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, Greensboro, N.C., 1941, N.C.A. and T.U., M.S. 1956, ordained 1943 at Arlington, Ala.; married to Gwen Brown, Nov. 9, 1946, Winston/Salem, N.C.; children, Cheri, 1947; special hobbies, photography, stamp collecting, gardening; special interests, social concerns, civic involvement, senior citizens; full-time positions, teacher, Alabama Lutheran Academy, Selma, Ala., 1938-39, vicar, St. Mathew's New York, N.Y., 1941-42, pastor, five congregations in Ala., 1942-43, pastor, Saint Mark, Winston/Salem, N.C. 1943-57, pastor, St. John's, East St. Louis, Ill., 1957-67, pastor St. Philip's, Compton, Calif., 1967-; part-time offices, chairman, Lutheran Human Relations Association, Ill., several years, Board of Directors, East St. Louis, Mary Martin Center, NAACP Committee to establish Community College, member, Mayor's Committee of Reconciliation, member of committee to form Metro-East Ministry, East St. Louis, Ill., District Mission Board, LC-MS, 1972-73, Circuit counselor, 1973-, counselor, Lutheran Women's Missionary Guild, Collinsville, Ill., 1967; awards and degrees, award plague, Southern California district, LC-MS, 30 years of service, certificate, Psychiatry for Pastors, Calif. Lutheran Hospital, award, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Boy Scouts of America, Winston/Salem, N.C., Mayor's Plague-Community Service Award, Compton City Council.



Joseph George Lavalais

Lavalais, Joseph George; Son of George Lavalais and Mary Prunell Lavalais; b. Sept. 13, 1913, Mansura, La.; educ. Luther College, New Orleans, La., Southern University, Baton Rouge, 1933, Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N.C., 1937; ordained 1938 at Bethany Lutheran, Nyland, Ala.; married to Elizabeth Smith, Aug. 16, 1944, Birmingham, Ala.; children, George, 1947, Juanita, 1948, Gwendolyn, 1950; full-time positions, circuit rider, 6 parishes, Alabama, 1938-, pastor, St. Philip, Philadelphia, Penn., 1943-; part-time offices, Committee for Convention Nominations, LC-MS, 1975-, chairman, Black Centennial Committee, LC-MS, 1974-, Board for Lay Ministry, LC-MS, 1972-, Board of Trustees, Synodical Conference, 1964-66, Mission Board, Synodical Conference, 1960-62, chairman, Conveners of Black Pastors, LC-MS, member, Commission, Lutheran Human Relations Association of America, 1963, Commission on Adjudication, Eastern District, LC-MS, 1974-, Circuit Counselor, Eastern District, LC-MS, 1960-66, 1974-, member, Commission on Human relations, Eastern District, LC-MS, 1963, member, Committee on Appeals, Eastern District, LC-MS, 1952-1957, reserve member, Urban Advisory Committee, Eastern District, LC-MS, pastoral advisor, LWML, Board of Directors, Lutheran Church and Family

Services of Eastern Penn., chairman, Philadelphia Pastoral Conference, member, Lutheran Action Council of Greater Philadelphia Area, chairman, Board of Directors, Mercy Douglass Hospital, Philadelphia, Advisor, Haddington Redevelopment Commission, Philadelphia, Board of Directors, Community Housing, Inc., Philadelphia, Penn..



Harvey J. Lehman

Lehman, Harvey J.; Son of Paul L. Lehman and Mrs. Paul Thompson Lehman; b. Oct. 10, 1905, Mansura, La.; educ., Luthern College, New Orleans, La., Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, Greensboro, N.C., 1930; ordained 1930 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church; married to Lillian B. Evans June 6, 1941, Alexandria, La.; children, Harvey, 1942, Lillian, 1944, Philip, 1948; special hobbies, golf and croquet; special interests, counseling, preaching, hospital chaplaincy; full-time positions, pastor, Trinity and Academy, Selma, Ala., 1930, pastor St. Timothy, East Selma, Ala., 1930, pastor and teacher, St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Oak Hill, Ala., 1934-40, pastor, Christ Lutheran Church, Rosebud, Ala., 1940-46, pastor St. Mathew Lutheran, Baltimore, Md., 1946-49, pastor Our Savior Lutheran, Buffalo, N.Y., 1949-65, pastor St. Paul's Lutheran, Los Angeles, Calif., 1965-, chaplain, Erie County Home, Buffalo, N.Y., 1959, Chaplain, Morningside Hospital, Los Angeles, Calif., 1969; part-time offices, Board Member, Southeastern district, LC-MS, 1946-49; Counselor for L.L.L., Eastern district, LC-MS, 1952-58, Counselor for L.W.M.L. Eastern district, LC-MS, 1959-62, Board Member, Urban Ministry, 1970-76, member of district Board Pub. Relations, 1970-; literary and editorial work, articles in Missionary Lutheran, 1946, Lutheran Pioneer, 1932, awards and degrees, CPE Chaplaincy Certificate from State Mental Health Hospital at Gowanda, New York, and Memorial General Hospital, Buffalo, New York, Doctor of Divinity Degree, Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ill., 1975.



Frank Travis Marshall

Marshall, Frank Travis; Son of Ulmer Marshall, Sr. and Annie Hawkins Marshall; b. Aug. 19, 1945, Buena Vista, Ala.; educ., Alabama Lutheran Academy and College, Selma, Ala., C.T.C. Seward, Neb., B.S. 1967, Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., M.A. 1973; ordained 1973, Selma, Ala.; married to Queen Hardy, 1977, Vrendenburgh, Ala.; special hobbies, hunting, fishing, camping, sports; special interests, pastoral care, preaching, teaching, evangelism, counseling youth; full-time positions, teacher, Trinity Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Montgomery, Ala., 1967-73, pastor, Epiphany/Messiah, Mo. Syn., Arlington, 1973-76, chaplain, Livingston, 1976 part-time offices, circuit youth counselor, 1974-, circuit counselor, 1976-, students concern, ALAC, Rosebud committee.

James B. Marshall

Marshall, James B., Jr.; Son of James B. Marshall, Sr. and Irene Salter Marshall; b. Sept. 9, 1938, Buena Vista, Ala.; educ., Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N.C., B.A. 1958, Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, Greensboro, N.C., B.D. 1961, Alabama State University, B.S. 1968, M.Ed. 1970; ordained 1962 at Grace Lutheran, Montgomery, Ala.; married to Katie Lyons June 3, 1962, Tunnel Springs, Ala.; children, Angela, 1963, Derick, 1970; special hobbies, fishing, sports; special interests, teaching, preaching, counseling; full-time positions, pastor, Grace Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Montgomery, Ala., 1962-76, pastor, Faith Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Mobile, 1976-; part time offices, sec., Gulf States Pastors, 1968-69, chairman, Black Lutheran Churchmen, 1970-73, president, Black Caucus, LC-MS; awards and degrees, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, 1968.



Ulmer Marshall, Jr.

Marshall, Ulmer, Jr.; Son of Ulmer Marshall, Sr. and Annie Hawkins Marshall; b. July 12, 1947, Buena Vista, Ala.; educ., Alabama Lutheran Academy, Selma, Ala., Concordia Teachers College, B.S., Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ill., M.Div.; ordained 1973, Selma, Ala.; married to Gwendolyn Lavalais, June 16, 1973, Philadelphia, Penn.; special hobbies, fishing, hunting, camping, bicycling, playing ball; special interests, preaching, counseling, teaching, social concerns; full-time positions, pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Mo. Syn., Mobile, Ala., 1973-; part time offices, president, Black Lutheran Churches Conference, Southern district, 1974, Evangelism Board, Southern District, LC-MS, 1974,

member, Board of Control, Southern district, 1975, president, Community Organization, Mobile, Ala., 1976, member, Board of Mobile Association of Mental Health, Mobile, Ala., 1976, member, Board of Control, Senior Citizen Organization, Mobile, Ala. 1976.

Elder McCants

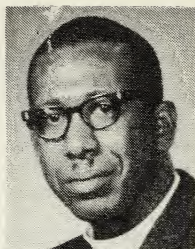
McCants, Elder; Son of James McCants and Willie Mae Cannon McCants; b. March 11, 1950, Camden, Ala.; educ., Alabama Lutheran Academy and College, Selma, Ala., Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Neb., B.S. 1973, Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ill., M.D. 1977; ordained 1977 at Immanuel Lutheran, Vrendenburgh, Ala.; special hobbies, barbering, basketball, football, writing; special interests, evangelism, counseling, teaching, psychology; full-time position, associate pastor, Resurrection Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Chicago, Ill., 1977.



Frazier N. Odom

Odom, Frazier, N.; Son of John Q. Odom and Julia Willette Peay Odom; b. July 23, 1937, Buena Vista, Ala.; educ., Alabama Lutheran Academy, Selma, Ala., Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, B.A. 1972, Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, Greensboro, N.C., 1960, Concordia Seminary In Exile, Saint Louis, Mo., M.A.R. 1976, The Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill. D.Min. 1977; ordained 1961 at Concordia Lutheran, New Orleans, La.; married to Ida Watson June 12, 1960; children, Pamela, 1961, Ina, 1963, John, 1964, Monique, 1968; special hobbies, reading, gathering file material concerning events of American religious life, collecting coins; special interests, planning curriculum materials for Black congregations; full-time positions, pastor, Concordia Lutheran, Mo.

Syn., New Orleans, La., 1961-66, pastor, Trinity Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Selma, Ala., 1966-68, pastor, Faith Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Chicago, Ill., 1968; part-time offices, Executive Director, Chicago Southside Cluster, 1973-75, Urban Affairs Committee, 1977; literary work, "Men of Color, Men of Faith" Concordia Pub. House, 1973.



John D. Poole

Poole, John D.; guardians, Theodore Morehead and Emily E. Morehead; b. 1927, Greensboro, N.C.; educ., Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N.C., Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, Greensboro, N.C., B.D. 1952, Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., B.A. 1975; ordained 1952 at Grace Lutheran, Greensboro, N.C.; married to Myrtice R. Hicks, Dec. 26, 1962, Atlanta, Ga.; special hobbies, husbandry and landscaping, sports and table games; special interests, music, psychology, counseling; full-time positions, missionary-at-large, Southeastern district, LC-MS, North Carolina, 1952-53, pastor, St. Mark's Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Atlanta, Ga., 1953-59, pastor, St. John's Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Salisbury, N.C., 1959-66, pastor, Mt. Calvary Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Kannapolis, N.C., 1966-67, pastor, The Shepherd Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Norfolk, Va., 1967-68, pastor, Grace Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Concord, N.C., 1968-71, pastor, Grace Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Los Angeles, Calif., 1971-72, pastor, Ebenezer Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Chicago, Ill., 1972-76, pastor, Resurrection Lutheran, Mo. Sy., Richmond, Va., 1976-; part-time offices, chairman, Board for Constitutions, Southeastern district, LC-MS, 1965-69 chairman, Evangelism/Stewardship Board, Southeastern District, LC-MS, 1959-63, circuit counselor, 1969-71.



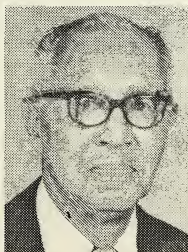
Kermit H. Ratcliffe

Ratcliffe, Kermit H.; Son of William Ratcliffe and Lonie Jackson Ratcliffe; b. May 30, 1941, Arlington, Ala.; educ., Alabama Lutheran Academy and College, Selma, Ala., Concordia Seminary, M.Div. 1971, Th.B. 1972; ordained 1966 at Prince of Peace Lutheran, Birmingham, Ala.; married to Bertha Lee Grayson, June 3, 1967, Birmingham, Ala.; children, Andre', 1968, Olivia, 1973; special hobbies, reading, golfing, fishing, gardening, traveling; special interests, teaching, counseling, preaching and pastoral care; full-time positions, pastor, Prince of Peace Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Birmingham, Ala., 1966-69, pastor, Holy Cross Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Pittsburgh, Penn., 1969-72, pastor, Unity Lutheran, Mo. Syn., East St. Louis, Ill., 1972-; part-time offices, Mission Board, Eastern District, LC-MS, 1970-72, Mission Committee, Southern Illinois district, LC-MS, 1972, Chaplain, USAR, 1974; literary work, "Which Way for Black Churches," The Lutheran Witness, 1977, "The Black Lutheran Centennial," The Lutheran Women Quarterly, 1977.



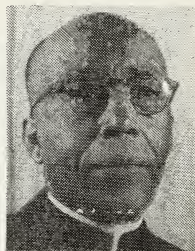
Gustavus S. Roberts

Roberts, Gustavus S.; Son of Henry Roberts and Minnie Odom Roberts; b. Aug. 3, 1893, Charlotte, N.C., educ., Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N.C., 1917, Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, Greensboro, N.C.; ordained 1925 at Greensboro, N.C.; married to Carolyn Ingram (Feb. 22, 1898 - June 4, 1975) in Monroe, N.C.; children, Robert, Alfred; special hobby, bowling; special interest, civic work; full-time positions, pastor St. Philip's Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Spartanburg, S.C., 1925-33, pastor of four congregations, Alabama, 1933-47, pastor, St. Philip's Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Chattanooga, Tenn., 1947-62; part-time offices, board member, Legal Aid Society, Human Services, Good Neighbors.



DeWitt Robinson

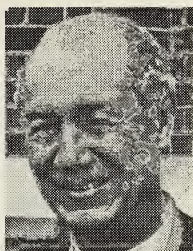
Robinson, De Witt; Son of Willie Robinson and Carrie Thompson Robinson; b. Oct. 12, 1906, Mansura, La.; educ. Immanuel Lutheran College and Seminary, Greensboro, N.C., 1930, Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, Mo., Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ill.; ordained 1930 at Mansura, La.; married to Ruth Dickinson, Sept. 4, 1941, Kimbrough Alabama; children, Dewittress, Miriam, Armstead, Lleylyn; special hobbies, fishing, baseball and basketball; full-time positions, Calvary Lutheran Church, Memphis, Tenn., 1960-, pastor, King's Landing, Ala., New Orleans and Baton Rouge, La., part-time offices, chairman, Louisiana-Mississippi Annual Conference 1943-50, sec., Regional Mission Board, Constitution Committee, 1972-76, Social Ministry Committee, Mid-South District, LC-MS, 1972-, Black Lutheran Centennial Committee, LC-MS, 1975-, vice president, Black Lutheran Clergy; degrees and awards, Honorary D.D., Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ill., Dec. 4, 1975.



Clemence Sabourin

Sabourin, Clemence; Son of Samuel Sabourin and Nettie Cade Sabourin; b. Oct. 6, 1910, New Orleans, La.; educ., Luther College, New Orleans, La., Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N.C., 1935, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N.C., A.B. 1939; ordained 1936 at Charlotte, N.C.; married to Glenice James, June 8, 1941, Petersburg, Virginia; children, Clemence, 1945; special hobbies, carpentry, travel, photography; full-time positions, teacher and assistant pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, Concord, N.C., 1935, pastor, St. Paul's Lutheran, Charlotte, N.C., 1936-39, pastor, Grace-Luther Memorial Lutheran, Greensboro, N.C., 1939-44, pastor, Mt. Zion Lutheran, New York, N.Y., 1944-; director of Mt. Zion's School, N.Y., N.Y., 1947-; part-time positions, sec., General Conference, president, General Conference, 1946-54, member, Synodical Conference Survey Committee, member, Board of Directors, Lutheran Interracial Service, member, Board of Directors, Lutheran Child Welfare Association, New York, N.Y., 1948-63, member, Board of Directors, Adopt-A-Child, sec. nine years and president one year, Lutheran Welfare Council, Atlantic district delegate, Mo. Syn. Convention, St. Paul, Minn., member, Floor Committee on Education, president, Bronx-Manhattan-Westchester Pastoral Conference, 1959-60, Board of Directors, Atlantic district, 1963, Board of Directors, St. Christopher's School, Cobbs Ferry, N.Y., 1967-76, president, Union Free School District, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., 1969-76, Board of Directors, Council of Voluntary Child Care Agencies. 1968-70;

literary and editorial work, articles in Cresset and American Lutheran, Portals of Prayer author, Let the Righteous Speak; degrees and awards, LL.D., Valparaiso, Indiana, 1963, Mind of Christ Award, Lutheran Human Relations Association of America, 1970, Servant of Christ Award, Concordia College, Bronxville, N.Y., 1974.



Douglas MacArther Shamburger

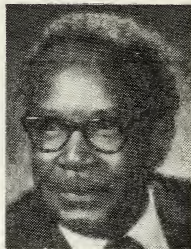
Shamburger, Douglas MacArthur; Son of Elijah Shamburger and Bessie Mae Wilkerson Shamburger; b. July 11, 1942, Pine Hill/Kimbrough, Ala.; educ., Alabama Lutheran Academy and College, Selma, Ala., B.A. 1967, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind., Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., 1967, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, 1970; ordained, 1967 at Epiphany Lutheran; married to Estelle Crayton, Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Birmingham, Ala.; children, Kenyatta, 1971, Aisha, 1976; special interests, pastoral care, community service; full-time positions, vicar, Bethel Lutheran, Mo. Syn., New Orleans, La., 1964, pastor, Victory Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Youngstown, Ohio, 1967-70, pastor, St. Mark's Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Winston/Salem, N.C., 1970-74, pastor, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Mo. Syn., Denver, Colo., 1974-; honored by Baptist Ministers Conference and Associates of Winston/Salem, N.C., 1974.



John T. Skinner

Skinner, John T.; Son of Hayes W. Skinner and Bettie E. Dickinson; b. July 15, 1915, Jackson, Ala.; educ., Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N.C., 1936, Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, Greensboro, N.C., 1940; ordained 1940 at Ackerville, Ala.; married to Iri I. Ramsey, Sept. 1, 1943, Rosebud, Ala.; special hobbies, fishing, gardening, watching sports; special interests, counseling, youth work, administration; full-time positions, pastor and teacher, Tildew, Ala., 1940, pastor and teacher, Ackerville, Ala., 1940, pastor, Hamburg, Ala., 1940, pastor, Camden, Ala., 1942, pastor,

Oak Hill, Ala., 1944, pastor, Rosebud, Ala., 1944, teacher, Alabama Lutheran Academy and College, Selma, Ala., pastor, Kannapolis, N.C., 1947, pastor, Memphis, Tenn., 1954, pastor, Montgomery, Ala., 1959, pastor, Bethlehem Lutheran, Mo. Syn., New Orleans, La., 1962, chaplain, New Orleans, La., 1964, pastor, Concordia Lutheran, Mo. Syn., New Orleans, La., 1966, pastor, Holy Cross Lutheran, Mo. Syn., New Orleans, La., 1975; part-time offices, Board of Control, Immanuel Lutheran, Greensboro, N.C., 1955-60, youth counselor, 1959-62; awards; Certificate in Pastoral Care, Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La., 1963.



Henry Wilbert Sorrell

Sorrell, Henry Wilbert; Son of William Sorrell and Edith Vector Sorrell; b. Sept. 27, 1912, New Orleans La.; educ., Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N.C., 1933, Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, N.C., 1936; ordained 1936 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, New Orleans, La.; married to Ruby Smith, June, 1937, New Orleans, La.; children, Theodora, 1938, Henry, Jr., 1940, Clifford, 1943, Obie, 1944, Edith, 1946, Theophilus, 1949, Reuel, 1952, Crispen, 1955; special hobbies, reading; special interests, counseling chronic alcoholics and drug abusers, full-time positions; missionary-at-large and elementary school teacher, New Orleans, La., 1937-39, principal, Lutheran High, New Orleans, La., 1939-40, pastor, Concordia Lutheran, New Orleans, La., 1940-50, pastor, Holy Cross and Mt. Calvary Lutheran, Texas, 1950-58, mission developer, Berea Lutheran Mission, South Eastern District, LC-MS, 1958-67, Institutional Chaplain, Mr. Wilson and Perkins State Hospitals, Southeast District, LC-MS, 1967-77, retired 1977.



Wilfred J. Tervalon, Sr.

Tervalon, Wilfred J., Sr.; Son of Alcide Tervalon and Oliva Brauer Tervalon; b. August 6, 1893, New Orleans, La., educ., Luther College, New Orleans, La., Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, Greensboro, N.C.; ordained 1914 at St. Paul's, New Orleans, La.; married to Celestine Deloach, June 14, 1916, New Orleans, La.; children, Minette, 1917-1917, Clevelana, 1918, Wilfred, Jr., 1920, Marjorie, 1922, Madeline, 1924; special hobbies, baseball and football; full-time positions, pastor, Mission, Richmond, Va., 1914, pastor, St. Paul, Mansura, La., 1915, pastor, St. Paul, Napoleon, La., 1925, pastor, Mt. Olive, Hybart, Ala., 1925, pastor, St. James, Buena Vista, Ala., 1928, pastor, St. Andrew, Vrendenburgh, Ala., 1928, pastor, St. Mark's Lutheran, Allaute, Georgia, 1944, vacancy pastor, St. Philip's Lutheran, 1936-44, retired, June 30, 1967; awards, Certificate of Appreciation, Southern district, LC-MS, 1974, Certificate of Appreciation, St. Philip's Lutheran, 1975, D.D. by Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, December 1977. Died March 2, 1978, Philadelphia, Pa.



Edwin Harold Thompson

Thompson, Edwin Harold; Son of Alphonse M. Thompson and Lillie D. Morris Thompson; b. June 3, 1914, New Orleans, La.; educ., Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N.C., 1933, Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, Greensboro, N.C., 1937; ordained 1938 at Gethsemane Lutheran, Hamburg, Ala.; married to Katie Carstarphen, Aug. 27, 1940, Oak Hill, Ala.; children, Reginald, 1941, Doris, 1944; full-time positions, teacher and vicar, Saint Paul, Mansura, La., 1934-36, pastor, Gethsemane, Hamburg, Ala., 1937, pastor, Zion, Tait's Place, Ala., 1941, pastor, St. Mathew, Arlington, Ala., Bethany, Nyland, Ala., St. Peter, Pine Hill, Ala., St. Luke, Lamison, Ala., 1944, missionary-at-large, Atlantic district, LC-MS,

1952-54, pastor, Trinity , Jamaica, N.Y., 1954; part-time offices, counselor, Fiscal Convention, 1957, Treasurer, Atlantic District Pastoral Conference, 1968-70, Missions Committee, Atlantic district, 1968-73, Atlantic district, Mission Services Board, 1974, counselor, Queens Circuit No.11, 1977.



Othneil R. Thompson

Thompson, Othneil R.; Son of Calvin P. Thompson and Edna Thomas Thompson; b. Nov.19, 1917, Mansura, La., educ., Southern University, B.A. 1938, Temple University, Philadelphia, Penn., Ed.M. 1952; ordained 1949; married to Marion Blount, June 23, 1946, Philadelphia, Penn.; children Vincent, 1947, Cynthia, 1950-1971, Maria, 1963; special hobbies, golf and fishing, special interests, teaching and counseling; full-time positions, pastor, Holy Cross Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Philadelphia, Penn., 1974-.



James W. Tyler

Tyler, James W.; Son of, Walter J. Tyler and Bertha E. Calloway Tyler; b. Jan. 27, 1928, Boston, Mass.; educ., North Eastern University, Boston, Mass., Providence Bible College, Rhode Island, B.A. 1955, Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ill., 1959, Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, Mo., 1963; ordained 1964 at New Orleans, La.; married to Billie M. Russell, June 14, 1953; children, Desire, 1955, Mark, 1956, Timothy, 1959, Melita, 1960, David, 1962; special hobbies, camping, model airplanes, boats, cars, rockets and sports; special interests, working with children, ministering to mentally disturbed patients and cancer patients; full-time positions, chaplain, Council of

Churches, New York, N.Y., 1953, missionary, Florida, 1954, missionary, Lutheran Home, Southern district, LC-MS, New Orleans, La., 1962, pastor, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 1970; part-time offices, chaplain, Florida State Hospital, 1972-74, chaplain, Jackson Memorial, 1975-77.



James Wiggins

Wiggins, James; Son of George Wiggins, Sr. and Sallie Bonham Wiggins; b. May 24, 1932, Camden, Ala.; educ., Alabama Lutheran Academy and College, Selma, Alabama, Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N.C., 1955, Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, Greensboro, N.C., 1959; ordained 1959 at St. James, Buena Vista, Ala.; married to Katie Ghaskin, June 28, 1959, Montrose, Ala.; children, James, Jr., 1960, Stephen, 1961, Felicia, 1962, Karen, 1966; special hobbies, fishing, mechanics; special interests, preaching, ministry to sick and shut-ins; full-time positions, pastor, St. James Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Buena Vista, Ala., 1959, pastor, St. Andrews, Mo. Syn., Vrendenburgh, Ala., 1959, pastor, Mt. Olives Lutheran, Ala., 1959, pastor, Our Redeemer, Longmile, Ala., 1959, pastor, Zion Lutheran, Mo. Syn., Bessemer, Ala., 1976, part-time offices, youth counselor, 1972-73, circuit counselor, 1974-76.

